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## LOK SABHA

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The following Bills were introduced in Lok Sabha on the 28th August, 1961:—

BILL No. 53 OF 1961

*A Bill to continue the Newspaper (Price and Page) Act, 1956.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twelfth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Newspaper (Price and Page) Con- Short title.  
tinuance Act, 1961.

45 of 1956. 5 2. In section 1 of the Newspaper (Price and Page) Act, 1956, Amendment  
sub-section (3) shall be omitted. of section 1.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Newspaper (Price and Page) Act, 1956, which was enacted in pursuance of recommendations of the Press Commission, seeks to provide for the regulation of the price charged for newspapers in relation to their pages and of matters connected therewith. Under section 1(3) of the Act, it will cease to have effect on September 6, 1961.

The Act enables the Central Government to make an Order providing for the regulation of the prices charged for newspapers in relation to their maximum or minimum number of pages, sizes or areas and for the space to be allotted for advertising matter in relation to other matters therein. The Daily Newspaper (Price and Page) Order, 1960, was accordingly issued on October 24, 1960. Before it could come into force, the validity of the Act and the Order were challenged in the Supreme Court, which stayed their enforcement. The Supreme Court's decision on the petition has yet to be announced.

The conditions under which the above legislation was enacted still obtain and there has been no opportunity even to watch its effect because it has really yet to come into operation. The Bill, therefore, seeks to continue the life of the Newspaper (Price and Page) Act, 1956.

B. V. KESKAR.

NEW DELHI;

*The 25th August, 1961.*

\*BILL NO. 51 OF 1961

*A Bill further to amend the Industries (Development and Regulation)  
Act, 1951.*

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twelfth Year of the Republic  
of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Industries (Development and Short title.  
Regulation) Amendment Act, 1961.

5 2. In sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Industries (Development Amendment  
and Regulation) Act, 1951, the words “except the State of Jammu of section 1,  
and Kashmir” shall be omitted.

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\*The President has, in pursuance of clause (1) of article 117 of the Constitution of  
India, recommended to Lok Sabha the introduction of the Bill.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

At the time the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, was enacted, its application could not be extended to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, because entry 52 of the Union List in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, to which the subject matter of the Act relates, was not applicable to that State. By the Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Amendment Order, 1961, that entry has been made applicable to the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Following this action, it is now proposed to extend the application of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, as it is desirable to do so in the interests of industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir in particular and for ensuring uniformity in the industrial development of the country as a whole.

The Bill seeks to provide for this objective.

NEW DELHI;  
*The 10th August, 1961.*

MANUBHAI SHAH.

M. N. KAUL,  
*Secretary.*